

MINUTES

OF THE

Evan. Lutheran Synod

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

1865—1866.



MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-SECOND AND SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
EVAN. LUTHERAN SYNOD
AND
MINISTERIUM
OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

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SABBATH EXERCISES.

A large and orderly congregation assembled in St. Michaels Church on Sabbath morning, May 7th; Rev. L. A. Bikle preached at 10 o'clock from Eph. III: 19. After the sermon, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the members of the Synod present, and to a large number of the audience. At 1 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. S. Heilig preached an instructive discourse from St. John, xiv. 6.

May the Lord so bless these exercises, that through the preaching of His gospel, and the ordinances of His house, great good may be accomplished.

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OF THE SIXTY-SECOND CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

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In accordance with resolution passed at its last meeting, the Ministers and Lay-delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, met in Convention in St. Michael's Church, Iredell County, N. C., on Thursday May 4th, 1865.

The Synodical discourse was pronounced by the Secretary, Rev. J. B. Anthony, from the text—Mark viii: 2 & 3.

FIRST SESSION.

May 5th, 1865.

Synod was opened by singing the 899th hymn, and a prayer by the Secretary. Rev. J. S. Heilig was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The roll was then called, the absentees noted, and the certificates of lay-delegates received.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

REV. J. B. ANTHONY,.....	<i>Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus County, N. C.</i>			
" J. S. HEILIG,.....	<i>Mill Hill</i>	"	"	"
" D. I. DREHER,.....	<i>Concord,</i>	"	"	"
" L. A. BIKLE,.....	<i>Mt. Pleasant,</i>	"	"	"

MINUTES OF THE
MINISTERS ABSENT.

REV. J. D. SCHECK,	<i>Gibsonville, Guilford County, N. C.</i>
" W. ARTZ,	<i>Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus</i> "
" S. ROTHROCK,	<i>Rockville, Rowan</i> "
" JACOB CRIM,	<i>South River,</i> "
" S. SCHERER,	<i>Salisbury,</i> "
" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	<i>Gold Hill,</i> "
" J. SWICEGOOD,	<i>Shady Grove, Davidson</i> "
" G. D. BERNHEIM,	<i>Charlotte, Mecklenburg</i> "
" J. L. SMITMDEAL,	<i>Newton, Catawba</i> "
" W. KIMBALL,	<i>Salisbury, Rowan</i> "
" A. GRIMES,	<i>Hay Meadow, Wilkes</i> "

LAY-DELEGATES PRESENT.

Capt. W. A. BARRIER,..... *Rev. J. B. Anthony's Charge.*

Mr. HIRAM DEATON,..... *J. S. Heilig's* "

" NATHAN KRIMMINGER.... *D. I. Dreher's* "

In the absence of the President, Rev. Jacob Crim, no Annual Report was read.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

REV. J. B. ANTHONY, President.

" *L. A. BIKLE, Secretary.*

" *D. I. DREHER, Cor. Secretary,*

Mr. M. BARRIER, Treasurer.

Rev. David Goodman, of Tennessee Synod, being present, was invited to a seat as advisory member.

1. *Resolved*, That if deemed expedient, the President shall convene an extra session of Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the reading of the minutes of last meeting of synod, be referred to a committee.

Committee—Rev. D. I. Dreher and Mr. H. Deaton.

The following standing Committees were appointed by the President:

1. *On President's Report*—Rev's. Artz and Bikle.
2. *On Petitions and Vacancies*—Rev. Heilig and Mr. Krimminger.
3. *On Unfinished Business*—Rev. Dreher and Mr. Deaton.
4. *On Finance*—Capt. Barrier, and Mr. Krimminger.
5. *On Resolutions of Deceased Ministers*—Rev. Heilig and Capt. Barrier.
6. *Memoirs*—Rev's. Dreher and Scherer.
7. *On Education*—Rev's. Dreher and Heilig.
8. *On State of Religion*—Rev. Bikle and Mr. Deaton.

Synod adjourned with prayer by the Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

May 6th, 1865, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Drcher.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Rev. J. B. Anthony, Delegate to German Reformed Classis, reported the following:

Your Delegate attended the meeting of the German Reformed Classis of N. C. last spring. He was kindly received and treated with becoming respect. A resolution was passed by that body assenting to our wish to re-establish friendly relations with them, and a Delegate appointed to attend this meeting of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ANTHONY.

Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

The committee on unfinished business beg leave to report the following:

On page 17 of our printed minutes of last year, the supply of certain charges within the bounds of the different Conferential districts, was respectively referred to them with instructions to furnish preaching as often as might be deemed practicable.

Your committee would inquire if said recommendation has been complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL I. DREHER,
H. DEATON.

Satisfactory replies having been given by members of the Central and Western Conferences, the report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education have examined the Report of the President of the Board of Directors of N. C. College, and present the following:

1. Now that peace seems to appear, the Chairman of the Board suggests the propriety of introducing measures to re-open N. C. College, and asks Synod to determine what may be best in this respect.

2. He speaks of an early meeting of the Directors as perhaps advisable.

3. He expresses fears as to the loss of funds, owing to the failure of the Confederate currency, in which a considerable amount of the funds of the college was invested—the balance in State Bonds.

Your Committee recommend, therefore, that this Synod instruct the President of the Board of Directors to call a meeting whenever he may deem it expedient to do so with a view of resuming the exercises of the college.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL I. DREHER.
J. S. HEILIG.

Received and adopted.

Report of Treasurer of Synod.

L. G. Heilig, Treasurer, in account with the E. L. Synod of North Carolina.

To balance in hand at last Synod.....	\$150 62
To cash received.....	572 50
Amount total,.....	\$573 12

Vouchers.

1864. By cash paid for printing Minutes,.....	\$500 00
May 4th. By balance in hand,.....	223 12
Total	723 12

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. HEILIG, Treasurer.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance have carefully examined the late Treasurer's Report, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BARRIER,
A. KRIMMINGER.

Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions of Deceased Ministers.

1. Resolution of sympathy on the death of Rev. B. C. Hall.

Whereas, In the overuling Providence of God, our most excellent brother, Rev. B. C. Hall, has been called to his final reward; and whereas, by his death this Synod has lost a worthy member, the church a zealous minister and society a devoted friend—therefore,

1. Resolved, That although we as a Synod deeply regret the removal of our aimable and highly esteemed brother in the midst of his usefulness, yet seeing the Lord doeth all things well, we meekly submit to this afflictive dispensation of His divine will.

2. Resolved, That we as a Synod express our high appreciation of the many noble qualities of our deceased brother; that we cherish his fond memory, emulate his numerous virtues, imitate his worthy example, and endeavor by a life of piety and usefulness to follow him to the home of the blessed in heaven.

3. Resolved, That we as a Synod tender our profound sympathy to the sorrowing widow of our departed brother, and point her to the Fountain of all consolation, our Heavenly Father, who will never leave nor forsake His own dear children.

2. Resolutions of sympathy on the death of Rev. M. M. Miller.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, the Disposer of all events, to take out of the world the soul of our deceased brother, Rev. M. M. Miller, a zealous laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, a dutiful son and an affectionate husband—therefore,

1. Resolved, That in the death of Rev. M. M. Miller, this Synod has sustained the loss of a worth member, his family a devoted friend, and his widowed wife a loving husband.

2. Resolved, That we as a Synod extend to the bereaved wife and fam-

ily of our deceased brother our sincere condolence, inviting them to "cease their tears" and look on high, well-assured that their loss is his eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HEILIG,
W. A. BARRIER,

Received and adopted.-

3. *Resolved*, That the secretary forward to the respective families of the deceased brethren, copies of the foregoing resolutions.

Report of Committee on Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion with no *data* before them, in consequence of the absence of so many of our ministers, find it impossible to give the usual statement of the religious condition of the different charges under the care and supervision of the members of this body. We can only speak, therefore, in a general manner, of the state of religion in our churches.

For the past four years, the minds of our people have been almost entirely engrossed with the cares and employments of a war of unusual magnitude, and it need not surprise us, therefore, if in attempting to bring to a successful termination the struggle for existence and a place among the nations of the earth, they were diverted to a considerable extent from the contemplation of the necessities of the church, and from the proper performance of their duties in her extremity, and absorbed in applying the resources of the country to carrying on the unequal conflict.

Besides, throughout the war and especially during the past year, the exigencies of the occasion took from their homes many faithful and devoted members of the church, thus depriving us of their much needed co-operation, and causing Zion to languish. The state of piety, in consequence, is not so encouraging as might be desired. But God has not entirely forsaken his people. In the midst of their afflictions and bereavements, privations and sorrows, there have been tokens of his favor. It is true the ways of Providence are dark and mysterious, but we have every reason to believe that the sufferings and trials, we as a church and people have been called upon to endure, are intended to purify us, to make us more devoted to the service of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to prepare us for the honor, glory and immortality, promised to the faithful. Let us then humbly submit to God's dealings with us, feeling assured that "He doeth all things well."

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE,
H. DEATON.

Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.

The Committee on Petitions and Vacancies submit the following:

1. The only petition in our hands is from father Grimes, in which he states his indigent circumstances, and asks the aid of this Synod.

Your committee recommend that the Secretary be authorized to address a communication to each minister connected with this body, requesting them to lift collections either of grain, or of current funds, and forward the same to our aged and worthy father.

2. It has been ascertained that a considerable number of churches within our bounds are without regular preaching. The committee are unable to make any suggestions in regard to their supply. We recommend them to

the mercy and protection of God, hoping that He will speedily raise up shepherds to feed his flock.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HEILIG,
N. KRIMMINGER,

Received and adopted.

An election for four Directors of N. C. College was now held, which resulted as follows :

Ministers—S. Rothrock and J. S. Heilig.

Laymen—C. Melchor, Esq., and Mr. D. Barrier.

Classification of the Directors of N. C. College.

ELECTED IN 1863.

Revs. D. I. Dreher and J. B. Anthony; Messrs. M. Barrier and J. Shimpoch.

ELECTED IN 1864.

Revs. L. C. Groseclose and W. Artz; Majs. L. G. Heilig and P. N. Heilig.

ELECTED IN 1865.

Revs. S. Rothrock and J. S. Heilig; Messrs. C. Melchor and D. Barrier.

An election for corresponding delegate to S. C. Synod resulted in the choice of Revs D. I. Dreher, principal, and L. A. Bikle, alternate.

Rev. L. A. Bikle was elected corresponding delegate to the German Reformed Classis of North Carolina.

The hour of preaching having arrived, synod took a recess to attend divine services. Rev. D. I. Dreher preached at 11 o'clock, from Hebrews x: 25.—Rev. L. A. Bikle preached at 1 o'clock, from James i: 2.

THIRD SESSION.

2 o'clock, P. M.

4. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary address a letter to each absent member of Synod, requesting them to lift synodical contributions and forward them together with their parochial reports to the Secretary of synod.

5. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have published, when deemed expedient by the President, not less than 300 copies of the Minutes of Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members of St. Michael's church and the citizens of the community, for the hospitable manner in which its members have been entertained; and that this be announced from the pulpit, on to-morrow, by the President.

Trinity church, Cabarrus county, having been selected as the place of the next meeting of Synod, it was

7. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet in Trinity church, Cabarrus county, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the President.

[The Ministerium held no session.]

L. A. BIKLE, Secretary.

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OF
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Convened at Trinity Church, Cabarrus County, N. C.,
THURSDAY, MAY 3d, 1866.

THE sixty-third annual convention of the Evan. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina was held in Trinity church, Cabarrus county, North Carolina, from the 3d to the 6th of May, 1866. The President, Rev. J. B. Anthony, preached the Synodical sermon from I Tim. v, 17, 18, 19.

According to the requirement of the Constitution, the President opened the first session of Synod with prayer, after a hymn had been sung. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. D. I. Dreher was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The roll was called, and the names of the Clerical members, with their Delegates, were registered as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

REV. WILLIAM ARTZ,	Mt. Pleasant,	Cabarrus County, N. C.	
“ S. ROTHROCK,	Rockville,	Rowan	“ “
“ J. H. MENGERT,*	Ocuhá		Florida.
“ JACOB CRIM,	South River,	“	N. C.
“ N. ALDRICH,†	Charlotte, Mecklenburg	Co.	“
“ J. B. ANTHONY,	Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus	“	“
“ S. SCHERER,	Salisbury,	Rowan	“ “
“ L. C. GROSECLOSE,	Gold Hill,	“	“
“ J. SWICEGOOD,	Shady Grove, Davidson	“	“
“ G. D. BERNHEIM,	Charlotte, Mecklenburg	“	“
“ J. S. HEILIG,	Mill Hill, Cabarrus	“	“
“ D. I. DREHER,	Concord,	“	“
“ W. H. CONE,†	Mt. Pleasant,	“	“
“ W. A. JULIAN,†	Shaws Mills, Guilford	“	“
“ J. L. SMITHDEAL,*	Williams Port,	Pennsylvania.	
“ W. KIMBALL,	Salisbury, Rowan County	N. C.	
“ L. A. BIKLE,*	Winchester,	Va.	

LICENTIATES.

REV. A. GRIMES,*.....Hay Meadow, Wilkes County N. C.

* Absent. † Received this meeting

LAY-DELEGATES.

MR. J. M. HARKEY,	<i>Rev. William Artz's</i>	Delegate.
" MOSES LINN,	" <i>S. Rothrock's</i>	"
" J. W. BARRIER,	" <i>J. B. Anthony's</i>	"
" W. L. KISTLER,	" <i>S. Scherer's</i>	"
" LEONARD HOFFER,	" <i>L. C. Groseclose's</i>	"
" MARTIN ICEHOUR,	" <i>N. Aldrich's</i>	"
" T. C. STRICKER,	" <i>J. S. Heilig's</i>	"
" RUFUS LITAKER,	" <i>D. I. Dreher's</i>	"
" G. L. GREESON,	" <i>W. A. Julian's</i>	"
" C. H. FISHER,	" <i>W. Kimball's</i>	"

COMMISSIONERS.

MR. JACOB WAGONER,	<i>Alamance Charge.</i>
" MATHIAS MILLER,	<i>Davie. Mission.</i>
DR. P. A. SEAFORD,	<i>Organ Church,</i>
MR. G. B. KING,	<i>St. Michael's....."</i>

The President now read his annual Report which was laid on the table for further consideration:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

MY DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

Another year has elapsed since we last assembled in annual convention; yea, to many of us, it has been two full years since we transacted synodical business together. The manner in which we have discharged our respective duties during the past two years, both as ministers and as laymen, has already been inscribed upon the unerring registry of heaven; and happy will it be for us in the great day of eternity, if the record shall then appear as a voucher of our fidelity to God, in the several stations in which we have been placed.

The close of the desolating war, which was ending at the time of our last meeting, has brought about a change in our political and social relations which requires us to adapt ourselves to our altered circumstances; and this, as christians and christian ministers, we should do promptly and in good faith, resolved to perform every duty and obligation imposed upon us by this change of relation. True, the war may not have ended as many desired that it should end; yet, as our State, in common with all her sister States in the south, has returned to her allegiance to the general government of the United States, all men, and we, the professed disciples of the meek and humble saviour most especially, should so submit ourselves to the powers that be, as not to bring upon ourselves, nor upon the cause which we represent, the least suspicion.

That the war has seriously affected our benevolent enterprises and agencies for the accomplishment of good, no one can doubt. Our College is still closed; our mission fields lie uncared for, if not quite forgotten; our Sabbath schools, in many cases, if not closed, have been but feebly and inefficiently conducted; and our members are almost wholly without weekly periodical church literature, not having adopted any paper now in existence, nor have they taken efficient measures to establish one of their own.

Some of our churches have suffered more or less seriously by divisions and contentions upon questions chiefly growing out of the war; and these have

lead to the formation of parties antagonistic to each other, involving the array of one or the other party against their pastor. This unhappy state of affairs may, in some instances and to some extent, have been produced, by unguarded or imprudent remarks of one member respecting another, or of one minister respecting another; but the chief reason for this condition of things is, the want of that "charity which suffereth long and is kind, which endureth all things, which never faileth."

But these disturbances have been intensified in one or more instances by the conduct of a minister or ministers of a sister denomination from whom we had a right to expect better things. Instead of using their position as a neighbor to promote peace and good will, and to fulfill that scriptural obligation which says, "Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: *thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother;*" and, of the golden rule, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them;" but for the purpose of "entering in to another man's labors," or of "building upon another's foundation," or for some other motive, they fanned the flame of discontent, and widened the breach between disaffected and contending parties.

But, brethren, whatever may have been the causes of these jealousies, heart-burnings and bitter strifes, it is our duty to do all that we can do, to restore quiet and harmony so far as in us lieth. To this end, let us call all the wisdom, patience and charity into requisition which we possess; and labor assiduously to promote peace and good will in the militant church.

We are among the smallest denominations in this State—among the smallest of the tribes of Israel—and if we continue to be upheaved by internal feuds, the natural result will be, that our energies will be weakened, and our ranks will be thinned. Let us then, "be wise to that which is good, and harmless concerning evil."

From the unavoidable recurring sameness of the topics, to which a narrative of the affairs of the Church compels the presiding officer of the synod to confine his remarks, we would despair of enlisting your feelings, or of gaining your attention, were we not convinced by the experience of the past, that every circumstance, however slight, having a bearing upon the interests and prosperity of the church will at once fix and secure your undivided attention. Then, being inspired with this comfortable persuasion of your anxious solicitude in all that may relate to the well-being of the cause of God, we present the following sketch of our official acts:

Shortly after the rise of the last synod, the vouchers and money of the late Treasurer, L. G. Heilig, were placed in my hands, which I have kept and herewith present to the Treasurer elect, M. Barrier having refused to serve.

On the 12th of Sept., I received a communication from the Rev. John D. Scheck, stating that he had accepted a call to labor within the bounds of the East Pennsylvania synod, and requesting an honorable dismission from this body to enable him to connect himself with said synod. I immediately complied with his request and forwarded his dismission.

On the 7th of December, Mr. J. H. Fesperman came to me in person, bearing letters from Rev. J. Crim, S. Scherer, and W. Kimball, recommending him to me, for permission to preach in the Davie Mission. I cursorily examined Mr. F., chiefly upon Bible history and dogmatic Theology, and after finding him to have a tolerable acquaintance with the Scriptures, and to be sound upon the doctrines of christianity, I gave him permission to read and expound the Holy Scriptures, and preach the Gospel in the Davie Mission until this meeting of Synod, but withheld from him permission to administer the ordinances, and also enjoined upon him the necessity of continuing his studies.

On the 29th of December, an ordained minister of a sister denomination came to me in person and exhibited to me credentials and a letter of honorable dismission from the authority of his church, and requested an *ad interim* license; but as the prospect then was, that all our vacancies might soon be filled, and as he brought no petition from any church for his services, and no recommendation from any of our ministers, I declined, under the circumstances, to grant his request.

Under date of March 16, 1866, Rev. Prof. L. A. Bible writes from Winchester, Va., that "in consequence of his inability to pay the expenses of so long a journey he will not be able to attend this meeting of our Synod." We recommend that he be excused.

On the 28th of March, Rev. D. I. Dreher placed in my hand a letter from Rev. A. Grimes, setting forth his extreme poverty and suffering, and that of his helpless companion. We recommend that the letter be read in Synod, and that such action be taken as will be most likely to secure aid for this suffering brother.

Rev. W. H. Cone, having taken charge of the Davidson pastorate in the fall of 1864, and not getting to the last meeting of Synod, he, early in the year, exhibited to me his certificate of honorable dismission from the Virginia Synod, that it might appear in this report. Since that time, however, he has resigned the Davidson charge, and is now without a regular field of labor.

I have heard, but not officially, that the Rev. Wm. A. Julian has taken charge of the churches formerly under the care of our lamented brother Hall, in Guilford county.

Rev. N. Aldrich having taken charge of the congregation in Charlotte, has placed in my hands his letters of honorable dismission from the Synod of South Carolina, of which he has been an efficient member. He will now become a member of this body.

These comprise the few official acts which we have been called upon to perform and to record. We will add but a few suggestions or recommendations before we close.

Some definite action ought to be taken by this body respecting the disintegration of pastoral districts. Either we should adhere more closely to the plan as now legally established, and compel him who now serves one church, to serve all in the pastoral district, or else we should undo what we have done, and fall back upon the old independent congregational plan, and allow every church liberty to make its own arrangements. The present plan was matured after much thought and long deliberation, and was expressly designed to be a safe guard to weak and feeble churches to protect them from being thrown aside and neglected, and to prevent the stronger ones from being grouped together to their injury. We recommend the subject to your prayerful consideration.

We likewise bring to your notice the propriety of adopting some plan to secure a more adequate support for the ministry. That most of our pastores are able to afford a comfortable living to their pastor, is conceded; but that none amongst us receives such support, is also true. Experience and the Word of God have taught us that he who preaches the Gospel should not entangle himself with the affairs of this world if he expects to be successful in his work. "They which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—A little wholesome legislation, we trust, will concentrate the energies of our churches, and aid in the accomplishment of this object.

And lastly, allow me again to urge upon the clergy and upon the laity, the great necessity of harmony and of peace. That the war has produced alienations in the household of faith, there can be no doubt. But are we not christians? If we are, we must forgive each other. He who has no charity,

and will not forgive an erring brother, cannot expect forgiveness. "We counsel mutual forbearance and forgetfulness of the past, and good will and co-operation for the future, that the wounds of Zion may be healed, and that peace and harmony may be restored. AMEN.

J. B. ANTHONY, Prest.

An election of Officers, for the ensuing year, was held and resulted as follows:

REV. SAMUEL ROTHROCK,	<i>President.</i>
" WHITSON KIMBALL,	<i>Recording Sec'y.</i>
" D. I. DREHER,	<i>Corresponding "</i>
DR. P. A. SEAFORD,	<i>Treasurer.</i>

An opportunity was now given to Ministers present, desiring to connect themselves with the Synod, to do so: Whercupon Rev's. W. A. Julian, N. Aldrich and W. H. Cone, made application by presenting their credentials.

1. *Resolved*, That these brethren be received as regular members of this Synod, their names be enrolled on the minutes, and they be required to sign the Constitution.

On motion Mr. Mathias Barrier, Esq., Treasurer of N. C. College, was received as an advisory member of this body.

The President now called for all papers intended for Synod and Ministerium. They were accordingly handed in.

Rev. J. S. Heilig gave information that he would some time during the sessions of this Synod, bring to its notice the resumption of our former relations with the General Synod of the United States.

Synod now took a recess, to give its officers time to arrange the papers and appoint standing committees. After which Synod resumed its business, and the following standing committees were announced:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report*—Rev's. D. I. Dreher, N. Aldrich, and Mr. Rufus Litaker.
2. *On Petitions and Vacancies*—Rev's. G. D. Bernheim, W. A. Julian, and Mr. Moses Lian.
3. *On Finance*—Rev. S. Scherer, Messrs. Barrier, and W. L. Kistler.
4. *On State of Religion*—Rev's. L. C. Groseclose, J. S. Heilig and Mr. C. H. Fisher.
5. *On Unfinished Business*—Rev's. Wm. Artz, J. Swicegood and Mr. J. M. Harkey.
6. *On Conferential Meetings*.—Rev's. J. B. Anthony, W. Kimball and G. L. Greeson.
7. *On Education*—Rev's. J. B. Anthony, D. I. Dreher and Mr. T. Stricker.

2. *Resolved*; That the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of N. C. College, be referred to the Committee on Education.

A letter from the Corresponding Delegate of the S. C. Synod, was read and referred to the following Committee: Revs. G. D. Bernheim, L. C. Groseclose and Mr. Icehour.

Mr. J. H. Fesperman was received as an advisory member.

The Corresponding Secretary read his Report: it was accepted and adopted.

REPORT No. I.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

My Report must necessarily be short, as very little came to my notice requiring the attention of Synod. During the past Synodical year I have been favored with copies of Minutes of but two Synods.

The proceedings of the thirty-sixth annual session of the Virginia Synod was forwarded to me, from which we learn that earnest exertions are being made to improve the congregations, increase the temporal, spiritual and educational interests of the church in that State.

Officers of Synod are as follows: Revs. T. W. Dash, *president*; G. A. Long, *secretary*; and C. Beard, *treasurer*.

The next annual session of this Synod will be held in Winchester, to convene on Thursday evening, 18th October, 1866.

May the Lord help those brethren in all their laudable efforts to advance His kingdom.

The proceedings of the South Carolina Synod for 1864 and 1865 have come to hand bound in one copy.

From these Minutes we learn that the brethren of South Carolina have gone energetically to work for the church and improvement of the Seminary and College located in their midst.

The financial resources of their institutions received a fearful shock in the destruction of the currency of the South. This catastrophe is the more to be deplored, as the hopes of the Southern Lutheran church are naturally directed to the Seminary for an early supply of Ministers.

Time and prudence will be required to remove prejudice engendered between the two sections of our country, so as to enable us to enjoy a cordial interchange of Ministers, and heartily co-operate in the cause of education.

Those good brethren have much to do, and are alive to the importance and magnitude of the work lying before them.

Officers of Synod are as follows: Revs. T. S. Boinest, *president*; P. Derrick, *recording secretary*; Prof. I. P. Smiltzer, *corresponding secretary*.

The next annual meeting will be held in St. Mark's church, Edgefield district; to commence on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1866.

The Virginia and South Carolina synods have each appointed Delegates to attend the Southern General Synod.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL I. DREHER.

The following Committee was appointed on foreign emigration : Revs. N. Aldrich, S. Scherer and Mr. W. L. Kistler.

The Parochial reports were handed in and arranged as follows :

		PAROCHIAL REPORTS.	
		Congregations,	
		BAPTISMS.	INFANTS.
MINISTERS.			
<i>Rev.</i>	WILLIAM ARTZ,	2	
"	SAM'L ROTHROCK,	1	15
"	N. ALDRICH,	1	6
"	J. B. ANTHONY,	2	28
"	SIMEON SCHERER,	3	23
"	L. C. GROSECLOSE,	3	25
"	J. SWICEGOOD,	4	46
"	JOHN S. HELIG,	2	450
"	DANIEL I. DREHER,	1	28
"	W. H. CONE,	3	300
"	WILLIAM A. JULIAN,	3	39
"	W. KIMBALL,	2	28
Fredell Charge,		150	
Wilmington Charge,		94	
Newton, "		58	
Davie Mission,		2	
Total,		60	
		1016	
Congregations,			
White,			
Colored,			
White Communicants,			
Colored Communicants,			
White Confirmands,			
Colored Confirmands,			
Admissions,			
Dismissals,			
Deaths of Members,			
Burials,			
Sunday Schools,			
Teachers,			
Scholars,			
Expulsions,			
Dismissions,			
Pensions,			
Death of Ministers,			
Adolescents,			
Young People,			
Old People,			
Total,			

3. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock, May 4th.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted by singing and prayer by the Rev. S. Scherer.

The President being indisposed, Rev. G. D. Bernheim was invited to act as President, *pro tem.* The roll was called.

Mr. G. B. King, Commissioner from St. Michael's church, Iredell County, appeared and took his seat among us.

Mr. Leonard Hoffner Delegate from the Gold Hill Pastorate was received.

The minutes of the former session were read and confirmed.

The Rev. Henry Hardie, Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and received as an advisory member of this body.

The committee on the letter of the corresponding delegate from the S. C. Synod, submitted the following, which was adopted.

REPORT No. 2.

The Committee to whom was referred the friendly letter from Rev. T. S. Boinest, correspondidg delegate of the S. C. Synod, beg leave to report the following :

1st. That we continue to rejoice, as of old, in the long standing friendly relations existing between the two synods, and shall endeavor to preserve them to the latest day of our history; and although we would have been pleased to press the hand of friendship, of their corresponding delegate, yet under the circumstances we would readily excuse his absence from us at this meeting of our synod.

In regard to the discharge of a certain obligation, alluded to in Rev. Boinest's letter, we herewith make the following statement.

The final action of this body in reference to this matter stands recorded on page 16, minutes 1864. Our treasurer of synod was authorized to pay to the treasurer of the Theological Seminary of South Carolina, \$180,00 and the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College \$60,00 more. We regret to learn from the South Carolina synod that these payments were not made in due time, and thus the instructions of this body were not carried out.

However, as matters now stand, a treasury only filled with confederate currency, and the Board of Trustees of N. C. College, impoverished in the same manner, we fear that nothing further can possibly be done.

How faithfully does the old adage now come home to us, "put not off until to-morrow what may be done to-day."

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. BERNHEIM,
L. C. GROSECLOSE,
MARTIN ICEHOUR.

Rev. J. S. Heilig presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Resolution of this synod passed at its session of 1862, dissolving our connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, be and the same is hereby repealed.

4. *Resolved*, That the consideration of said resolution be deferred until to-morrow, and be made the first order of business.

The Committee on Petitions and Vacancies Reported.

REPORT No. 3.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of petitions and vacancies beg leave to report:

1st. A letter from Rev. J. L. Smithdeal, desiring this synod to grant him a letter of dismissal in order to become united with some other Lutheran synod, which we refer to the action of this synod; his address is Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

2d. A letter from the Council members, and other friends of the Charge in Davie county, desiring the continuation of Brother J. H. Fesperman, all of which we refer to the action of the Ministerium.

Without in the least desiring to anticipate, or forestall any action of synod, or to interfere with any arrangement which some of our vacant congregations may have in contemplation, and basing our suggestions upon information which we have received, we recommend the following:

1st. *The Newton Mission*. To be visited by the following brethren: Rev's. Rothrock and Crim, twice during the year, and Rev's. Scherer, Cone, and Kimball, once during the year.

2d. *The Iredell Pastorate*, To be referred to the care of the Newton Conference, which is to meet at St. Michael's Church on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in July. Rev. Anthony has engaged to hold a communion meeting in St. Michael's church on the 1st. Sunday in June, and to preach at St. Paul's the Tuesday following.

3. *The Salisbury Pastorate*, To seek a pastor as early as possible, or if this be impracticable, to continue its present arrangements for the supply of the means of grace.

4. *The Forsythe Mission*, To continue at present by being supplied by Bro. Swicegood.

5. *The Davidson Pastorate*, To extend a call to a pastor at as early a day as possible.

6. *The Alamance Charge*, To extend a call to some brother well suited to their situation.

7. *Organ Church*, Recommended to call a pastor at its earliest convenience.

8. *The Wilmington Mission*. This is a most important field, which we recommend to the most favorable notice of our missionary society.

Adopted, signed,

G. D. BERNHEIM,
W. A. JULIAN,
MOSES LINN.

5. *Resolved*, That the pastorate of Organ and St. Peter's Churches be, and are hereby dissolved; and that Organ church constitute a separate pastorate.

Synod now adjourned till after dinner service. The Rev. W. A. Julian preached from Matt. xxii: 11, 12.

THIRD SESSION.

AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Synod met, was called to order by the President.

The Rev. Henry Hardie, Agent for the American Bible Society, in N. C., now made some very interesting remarks with reference to his agency and the society, which he represents; whereupon the following resolution was passed.

6. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the remarks of Rev. H. Hardie Agent for the American Bible Society in the State of North Carolina; and that we heartily recommend him and the cause he represents, to the favorable notice of our churches.

The Committee on the President's Address, Reported.

REPORT No. 4.

The Committee appointed to report upon the President's Address, would submit the following:

1. The President brings to the notice of Synod the social and political changes produced by the late sanguinary war, through which we have just passed, and counsels submission to the powers that be, as ordained of God.

2. In reference to the church and her institutions he feelingly alludes to the unhappy results of our divisions and contentions of a political character, which are not only impairing our efficiency as a church; but actually decimating our numbers.

He also brings to our notice the fact that ministers of a sister denomination have availed themselves of the present state of our affairs to foment strife and then alienate and draw from our communion those who have hitherto been the supporters of the church, for the building up of their own church, a fact which, while it reflects upon their christain charity, should cause us as ministers and laymen seriously to inquire to what extent we are chargable with this state of things, and what we can now do to conciliate and restore harmony in our midst.

In connection with these items your committee suggest the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as a church we recognize it to be the duty of all good christians to accept the changes which have been occasioned by the late war as of divine appointment and to submit themselves to the constitutional authorities of the land.

Resolved, That in view of the present unhappy divisions in our church, a committee be appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to the churches, which shall be appended to the minutes of the Synod.

Resolved. In reference to that denomination whose ministers have been active in fomenting divisions in our midst, if we are in correspondence with that body, our delegates be instructed to bring this matter to their notice, and present our protest against all such procedure as unchristian and utterly destructive of vital godliness.

3. In reference to the disintegration of Charges in the report, your committee have no suggestions to make, but would leave the matter just as it stands in the report.

4. *Ministerial Support*, is another item in the report. This is, indeed, a grave matter, particularly at the present time—for want of adequate support some of our most efficient ministers have been forced to resign their churches and engage in secular pursuits. These things ought not so to be, but this matter has so often been brought to the notice of the churches, that your committee are of the opinion that any suggestions they may make will be of little avail. We therefore submit the matter in the same form as it is in the president's address.

We recommend the Report of the President to be published in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

D. I. DREHER,
N. ALDRICH,
RUFUS LITAKER.

The President appointed Rev's. Anthony, Aldrich and Artz, a Committee to prepare a pastoral letter for the churches.

The Chairman of the committee on Memoirs of Bro's. Hall and Miller, reported. The memoirs were read.

6. *Resolved*, That the Memoirs of Bros. Hall and Miller be adopted and printed in the minutes.

The Committee on Unfinished Business Reported.

REPORT No. 5.

Your Committee would state that they have received from the hands of the President, the written minutes of the last annual meeting of this Synod. We recommend that they be read and printed with the minutes of the present meeting, and recorded in the journal, that thus they may be preserved with the lasting records of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

Wm. ARTZ,
J. SWICEGOOD,
Jno. M. HARKEY.

The Committee on the report of the President of the Board Trustees of North Carolina College, submitted the following :

REPORT No. 6.

Your Committee have had the same under consideration, and find the following items to claim attention. The President says:—"We have held several meetings of the Board during the past year, and have been very anx-

ious to start to the College, but through this unfortunate war we have lost all our funds save that which we had vested in old six per cent State Bonds. The legislature has passed an act to pay the interest on those bonds by issuing new eight per cent bonds. They will, no doubt, sell for something near their value. At our meeting on the 27th of April, we elected two Professors of our College. Gen. Lane of Concord was elected Prof. of Mathematics, and to have the oversight of the College until a President is elected. Rev. L. A. Bikle was elected to the Professorship of Ancient languages. It is our purpose to open the institution as soon as we can." The above free quotation from the President's report contains all the material facts in it. We, therefore, submit this as our report.

Very respectfully,

Adopted.

J. B. ANTHONY,
D. I. DREHER,
T. C. STRICKER.

The Committee on Conferential meetings reported.

REPORT No. 7.

Your committee have had only two Conferential Records placed in their hands, viz: those of the Western and Central Conferences.

The Western Conference, judging from the Record placed in our hands, have not held a meeting, either with or without a quorum, since the 29th of October, 1864. And at that meeting, it appears that there was no quorum; but your committee are of opinion, from the record of the Secretary, that that meeting came as nearly up to the original idea of a Lutheran Conference as any other; as the time was occupied, up to Sabbath night, with faithful preaching. Your committee are of opinion that the members of the Western Conference should show cause why they have held no meeting during the last synodical year.

From the Record it appears that the *Central Conference* held three meetings during the last synodical year. The first, at St. Peter's church, was the one at which a Circular was issued, exhorting ministers, officers and members of the church to mutual forbearance, peace and harmony, and was designed by the Conference to promote a better state of feeling than had existed in some sections of our church.

This *Conference* has complied with the constitutional requisition in the number of meetings held during the year.

Submitted with deference,

J. B. ANTHONY,
WHITSON KIMBALL.

Adopted.

7. *Resolved*, That the Western Conference be authorized to hold a meeting in St. Michael's church, Iredell county, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July.

8. *Resolved*, That the Rev. D. I. Dreher be permitted to connect himself with the Central Conference.

The following resolutions on Pastoral support, were presented and adopted by this Synod.

I. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the church councils the propriety of adopting the plan of collecting the pastors' salary by assessment.

II. *Resolved*, That in accordance with our church discipline, chap. 6, section 3, the church councils be instructed to require every member of the church, to contribute to the support of the gospel, except such as in their judgment are too poor to do so.

III. *Resolved*, That no minister in our connection shall be allowed to take charge of vacant congregations until they shall have satisfactorily met their obligations with their former pastor.

IV. *Resolved*, That each charge shall have an annual settlement with its pastor, and that each pastor be required to present to Synod, annually, a written statement of the amount promised for his support, and the amount received by subscriptions and donations from each church.

V. *Resolved*, That the church councils be required to send to Synod by their Delegates, a written report stating the manner in which their pastor discharges his obligations to his charge.

VI. *Resolved*, That these reports from pastors and councils be read in Synod by the Secretary.

9. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be read to the congregations by the pastors or the church councils so soon as the minutes are printed.

Mr. J. W. Barrier was granted leave of absence on to-morrow.

10. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet to-morrow morning, 8½ o'clock, for devotional service, and at 9 for synodical business.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Anthony.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises; after which it was constituted by prayer, by Rev. Groseclose.

The roll was called, the minutes read and confirmed.

The subject which was made the order of business for this hour was now discussed, with considerable animation.

Pending this discussion Synod took a recess till after divine service.

Rev. S. Scherer preached from Matt. xxvii, 54, last clause of the verse.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment.

Rev. W. H. Cone appeared and took his seat.

The subject under consideration was resumed, and was finally disposed of by the majority voting in the negative.

Rev. Heilig, Anthony, Kimball and Mr. T. C. Stricker and two others do here record their votes in the affirmative.

The committee on the state of religion submitted the following :

REPORT No. 8.

1. BRO. CONE reports substantially as follows :

In the summer of 1864, I received a call from the Davidson pastorate which I accepted, and commenced my labors among that people Nov. 1. I found the charge in a languishing condition, owing to the circumstances of the country. I regularly filled all my appointments; attention to the preached word has been good, and the ordinances regularly administered. I organized two Sabbath schools which were regularly kept up during the summer and fall; also a class of catechumen at Sandy Creek church, which were regularly instructed in the doctrines and usages of our church, in which the young people seemed to be interested for a season. I have always been an admirer of this time-honored institution of the Ev. Luth. Church, and one which should never be permitted to fall into disuse.

Two protracted meetings were held last fall. Sandy church enjoyed a gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in several conversions and accessions to the church; at the other meeting the members were revived and we hope the church built up. The people of the charge sustained me liberally the last year. Love, peace and unity were the ruling principles among that people. Jan. 1, 1866, I ceased preaching in two of those churches. In the other church I have been preaching as a supply once a month. I also preached to the Bethany cong. as a supply during the fall months, leaving the people free to make arrangements with any other minister. By request of the council of Organ church, I have been preaching to that cong. during the past few months; this arrangement ended on last Sabbath.

2. BRO. JULIAN reports: "The state of religion in the Guilford charge is doubtless as good as could be expected under the circumstances. I have large congregations, good attention, with a deep interest manifested on the part of the church. The gospel being always "the power of God," has already had its effect; fifteen persons have recently united with the church by baptism, confirmation and certificate. Our prayer is as ever, "Lord receive thy work."

3. BRO. HEILIG reports: "The state of religion in my charge, considering the demoralization of the times, is rather encouraging. The services of the sanctuary are well attended, and the ordinances properly appreciated and duly observed."

4. BRO. DREHER reports: "I have nothing very special to report of a religious nature. The low state of finances in the South weighs heavily upon my people. They made short crops during the past year, and have no means of procuring money; still they seem willing to secure me a salary. I hope the Lord will bless this kind people, who have endeavored to do for me."

5. BRO. ANTHONY reports: "In Mt. Pleasant charge we have two churches; St. John's and Bethel. In St. John's I preach twice a month—every second and fourth Sabbath. At Bethel I preach regularly every third Sabbath. The first is divided between them at my option. My congregations on the Sabbath are as large as could be expected. Many hear the word gladly.—In such a large congregation, occupying a considerable territory, it is

necessary for me to preach every Sabbath afternoon. The state of religion in the charge, upon the whole, is encouraging. The means of grace are regularly administered."

6. BRO. SCHERER reports: "I am glad to report a commendable state of things in my charge. Have had no dissensions. Moved on harmoniously.—Have had several very interesting revivals during the last two years. A goodly number of accessions. Notice a growing interest in the preaching of the word, and a corresponding interest and liberality in the support of their minister."

7. BRO. KIMBALL reports: "The ordinances of God's house are well attended in my charge. At St. Paul's church the members remain united; they did not suffer the troubles of the war to disaffect them towards each other (with but one exception.) In my Luther Chapel church there was some disaffection towards their pastor and between members. But, through the grace of God, I have succeeded in getting the congregation united. They are now engaged in building a new house of worship. They have subscribed nearly \$3,000. The work is progrsssing finely. The members of my two little churches have manifested a greater degree of liberality in the support of their pastor this year than in any former year—having raised for me a salary of \$550. It is a pleasure to labor among such a people, and I have great reason to feel encouraged to hope that soon we will all be willing to forget our past troubles, and enjoy better days."

8. Report from Davie Mission: "The state of religion seems to be rather favorable. The ordinances of religion are reported to be well attended.—Many of the members are zealous of good works. Love, peace and unity dwell among them.

9. Bro. ALDRICH reports: "We have nothing of special interest to report in reference to the churches in our charge. Besides the ordinary Sunday exercises, we have held two extra meetings, one in Charlotte and the other in Salisbury. This latter meeting tended much to revive the brethren in Salisbury, and we humbly trust that under the blessing of God, this church, so long dispersed and weakened, will soon begin to flourish and bloom as the rose. We are laboring in hope, relying upon the promise that, "In due season we shall reap if we faint not."

10. The Chairman of your committee reports: "On the 1st of October last, I took charge of the Gold-Hill pastorate for one year. The 3d sabbath in December, brother Kimball and I held a meeting at St. Matthew's church, which continued four days and nights, and which resulted in a very refreshing revival of religion. On the 2d sabbath in Jan., 1866, I baptised and confirmed 37 persons as the fruit of that meeting. I have adopted the plan of quarterly communion in my pastorate. The 4th sabbath in January, I held a meeting at Luther's church, at which the Lord visited and blessed his people; and the 3d sabbath in April, I baptised and confirmed several persons. I had no revival at St. Stephen's church. Upon the whole, the state of religion is improving.

On the 21st of April I began a meeting at St. Paul's church, Alamance county, which continued nine days. I labored without any ministerial aid. On the 29th, I baptized and confirmed thirty-one persons, admitted one. This church nearly doubled its membership in a week. It is now in a very hopeful condition."

On the whole, the state of religion within the bounds of the synod is as flourishing as could be expected, considering the times. There is not that in our prospects as a synod, which should cast a gloom upon our future hopes; but there is that which should inspire us with fresh courage to labor more in-

defatigably, believing that God is with us to prosper and to bless our labors, if we but "go up to possess the land." From the reports of brethren we are led to conclude that our churches are not tottering to their fall, but though much depleted, and deeply mourning the many vacant seats in our churches, yet by a proper course she will soon "arise and shine," and "a little one become a thousand." Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
J. S. HEILIG,
C. H. FISHER.

Received and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Emigration Reported.

REPORT No. 9.

The Committee to whom the subject of Emigration was referred would submit the following:

WHEREAS, the revolution in which the South so recently involved has resulted in the entire destruction of that system of labor by which the various products of our soil were chiefly developed;

And whereas, it has now become absolutely necessary that laborer's of an entirely different class, should now be introduced into our midst, whose interests and industrial habits will give promise that a State so rich in its resources will under the new order of things be fully developed.

And whereas, this class of laborers can no where be more easily obtained than from the now crowded Districts of Protestant Germany,

Resolved, 1. That we as a Synod will co-operate in any scheme which promises to introduce that class of laborers into our midst.

Resolved, 2. That a Committee of Correspondence be appointed, whose chairman shall take immediate steps to lay this matter before Pastors of Lutheran churches in Protestant Germany, stating the deep interest exhibited by this body, and the great anxiety our people have expressed to secure immigrants, as co-laborers with them in cultivating the soil, and various other pursuits.

Resolved, 3d. That the Chairman, also, assures them, that every means shall be adopted by us to secure to them all the religious and educational privileges that we enjoy.

Resolved, 4th. That inasmuch as such immigrants would for a short time, at least, be unable to comprehend the English language; and therefore, could not enjoy the services of our Church to their spiritual improvement, that said Chairman recommend, that a Pastor should accompany each colony.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

N. ALDRICH,
S. SCHERER,
W. L. KISTLER.

Committee appointed on Colonization.—G. D. Bernheim, H. B. Eilers, F. W. Ahrens, Jacob Duls, Dr. F. C. Schaefer and P. A. Frercks.

The Committee on Finance Reported.

REPORT No. 10.

Cash remitted by the former president
in Confederate currency,..... \$223 25

Synodical Contributions.

Rev. J. B. Anthony's Charge.

St. John's church,	.....	\$11 85
Bethel "	.....	2 50
		— 14 35

Rev. S. Rothrock's Charge.

St Peter's church,	.....	3 00
Organ "	.....	8 00
		— 11 00

Rev. W. A. Julian's Charge.

Lau's church,	.....	4 25
Richland's "	.....	2 00
Coble's "	.....	2 00
		— 8 25

Rev. S. Scherer's Charge.

Salem church,	.....	4 00
Bethel "	.....	4 50
		— 8 50

Rev. J. S. Heilig's Charge.

St. Enoch church, (specie)	.....	3 00
Trinity "	.....	1 00
		— 4 00

Rev. W. H. Cone's Charge.

Sandy Creek church,	.....	5 00
		— 5 00

Rev. L. O. Groseclose's Charge.

St. Stephen's church,	.....	3 00
Luther's "	.....	2 80
St. Matthew's "	.....	3 00
		— 8 80

Rev. N. Aldrich's Charge.

Charlotte,	.....	10 20
		— 10 20

Rev. W. Kimball's Charge.

St. Paul's church,	.....	3 08
Luther's Chapel,	.....	3 00
		— 6 08

Rev. J. Crim's Church.

Smith's School-house,	.....	2 60
		— 2 60

Rev. J. Swicegood's Charge.

Beck's church,	.....	2 00
Pilgrim "	.....	60
Hopewell "	.....	1 67
Nazareth "	.....	53
		— 4 80

Rev. D. I. Dreher's Charge.

St. James' church,	.....
Union "	.....	3 10
		— 3 10

Davie Mission.

St. Matthew's church,	.....	2 00
Jerusalem "	.....	2 45
		— 4 45

Alamance charge.

Frieden's church,	.....	6 00
St. Paul's "	3 50	— 9 50
Rev. Wm. Artz' Charge.		
Mt. Carmel church,.....	1 00	— 1 00
Iredell Charge,.....	1 80	— 1 80

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,
J. W. BARRIER,
C. H. FISHER.

The Committee was ordered to pay the money to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond.

An election was held for Delegates to the General Synod.

Principals—Rev's. G. D. Bernheim, D. I. Dreher and N. Aldrich.

Alternates—Rev's. L. C. Groseclose, S. Rothrock, and S. Scherer.

Lay Delegates.

Principals—J. Duls, W. L. Kistler and J. W. Barrier.

Alternates—C. H. Fisher, Daniel Barrier and Dr. P. A. Seaford.

Rev. J. B. Anthony was elected corresponding Delegate to the German Reformed Classis

Upon balloting Rev's. Anthony and Dreher, and Mr. M. Barrier and John Shimpoch, were re-elected Directors for North Carolina College.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim elected corresponding Delegate to the South Carolina Synod.

An election was now held for the place of our next meeting, which resulted in favor of Salisbury, N. C.

11. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourn, it stand adjourned to meet in Salisbury N. C., on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1867, at 10 o'clock A. M.

12. *Resolved*, That our Delegates to the Southern General Synod be requested to inquire as to what steps can be taken to form a union with sister Synods North.

13. *Resolved*, That the President, on to-morrow, tender the thanks of this Synod to the friends in this community, for the very kind and hospitable manner we have been entertained during our stay among them.

14. *Resolved*, That four hundred, or more, copies of our minutes be published.

Minutes were read and confirmed.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to the time and place above mentioned.

WHITSON KIMBALL, *Recording Secretary.*



SESSIONS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

A few meetings of the Ministerium were held at proper intervals, but no important business was transacted which would require to be recorded.

WHITSON KIMBALL, *Sec'y. of Ministerium.*

SABBATH DAY'S EXERCISES.

A large number of persons assembled at the church. At 10 o'clock A. M., Rev. N. Aldrich preached from Hebrews x, 19 20.

At the same time Rev. W. H. Cone preached some distance from the church. Text, Colossians ii, 6.

The bread and wine were consecrated by the President *pro tem.*, after which a number of believers celebrated the dying love of Jesus.

In the afternoon Rev. G. D. Bernheim preached a very interesting sermon from Col. ii, 6.

Thus ended the solemn services of this holy day, as we trust, in the edification and spiritual good of the people.

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TO THE CHURCHES

In connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina,

GREETING: The undersigned at the late meeting of Synod, were appointed a Committee to prepare the following Circular to the churches within its ecclesiastical bounds.

This action of Synod, is the result of mature deliberation, and is accompanied with the earnest hope, that the spirit which influenced the body in the appointment of this committee, will be reciprocated by all to whom this circular is addressed.

DEAR BRETHREN: It is with feelings of peculiar sadness, the synod has become cognizant of the bitter dissensions and unchristian alienations, which have existed for some time in many of the churches within its bounds. The report has reached this body, that brethren who aforetime had dwelt together in "the unity of the spirit (and) in the bond of peace," are now so entirely alienated that they no longer agree upon any thing connected with the peace and prosperity of Zion. That by reason of party strifes and cruel heart-burnings, pastors formerly well-beloved, for efficiency and zeal in the Master's service, after having served the churches under their care for years, have been obliged, from self-respect, to resign; and other congregations that long ago might have been supplied with faithful ministers of the Word, and who should have been regularly represented in this body, are to-day dependant upon the occasional voluntary labors of pastors of other churches, or upon the christian charity of ministers of other denominations. For more than a year the pulpits of some of these churches have been vacant, simply because the members, from party strifes, have not been able to agree upon a pastor.

Brethren, these things ought not so to be; and as ministers and laymen in council assembled, we solemnly warn you against the consequences involved. As those to whom you have entrusted the care and supervision of *all* the

churches, we charge you that the spirit which has induced this state of things is in direct hostility to the spirit and teachings of the inspired Word.—Our Lord and Master himself has said “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself cannot stand.”* When his disciples would have commanded fire to descend from heaven upon the inhabitants of a Samaritan village because they refused to receive them, the Master rebuked them, saying, “Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.”† Paul, in his letter to the church at Corinth writes,—“Whereas there is among you envying and strife and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men?”‡ And James in his epistle thus expresses the mind of the Spirit: “But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.”§ If we are christians, let us seek to have the mind of Christ, who was “holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners.”|| Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not, but committed himself to him who judgeth righteously.”¶

We care not, brethren to know the causes of all your strifes and divisions; *we know the result is ruin and desolation to the Church.* Already may the effect be seen in the diminution of her numerical strength and the want of earnest, self-sacrificing piety among her members. Her watchmen looking mournfully upon the dispiriting scene, are ready to adopt the language of the prophet and cry, “The crown is fallen from our head; woe unto us, that we have sinned! For this our heart is faint, for these things our eyes are dim.”*

“We beseech you, brethren, consider the injury you are doing the church as well as yourselves. If there is not a speedy re-action, her gold will become dim, and her most fine gold will be changed into dross; and as to yourselves you will be forced to exclaim—“My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord.”† For your own sakes, then, and for the welfare of Zion, let all bickering and jealousies and contentions come to an end. As in former times, when the candle of the Lord shone brightly upon you, extend to each other the hand of christian fellowship and love, remembering the words of the Master—“If ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”‡ As to your ministers, receive them as the ambassadors of God, and “esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake; and be at peace among yourselves.”§

To you, brethren, who, notwithstanding the troubles and sorrows through which you have passed, have nevertheless maintained your christian fidelity, we are bound to give thanks to God on your behalf. “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus, the Lord, so continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein in thanksgiving.”|| Our hope is, that the long, dark night of the

*Matt. xii, 25. †Luke ix, 53. ‡I. Cor. iii, 3. §James iii, 14—16. ¶Heb. vii, 26. ¶I Peter ii, 23.

*Sain. v, 16, 17. †Sam. iii, 18. ‡Matt. vi, 15. §I.Thes. v, 13. *Col. ii, 6, 7

Church's affliction will soon be passed, and that the bright rays of the "Sun of righteousness" will once again descend upon her, bringing peace and gladness to our souls. For this, let us cease not to watch and pray; and give (the Lord) no rest till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."*

In behalf of the Synod,

Your brethren in Christ,

J. B. ANTHONY,

WM. ARTZ,

N. ALDRICH,

Committee.

Trinity Church, Cabarrus county, N. C., May 5, 1866.

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REV. N. ALDRICH'S PAROCHIAL REPORT.

[Rev. N. Aldrich's Parochial Report having been delayed too long for the regular table, is inserted here.—*Secretary Synod.*]

ST. MARKS CHURCH, Charlotte N. C.	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Salisbury N. C.
Members,	Members,
Members,	40
Baptisms,	Baptisms,
Baptisms,	3
Deaths,	Deaths,
Deaths,	1
S. Schools,	S. Schools,
S. Schools,	1
Scholars,	Scholars,
Scholars,	50
N. ALDRICH, Pastor.	N. ALDRICH, Supply.

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MEMOIR OF REV. B. C. HALL.

Rev. B. C. Hall was born July 16th, 1825. Of his early history your Committee know nothing. He was fond of books and study. He was a student of Normal College, (now Trinity,) where he prosecuted his studies to some extent. Having felt it to be his duty to preach the gospel, and for that purpose, made application to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which received him, and set him apart to the gospel ministry according to the form and usage of that body. In 1854 he married a wife with whom he lived happily till the close of his life.

For reasons satisfactory to his own mind, he made application to the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at a meeting held in Fredericktown church, in May, 1855, Davidson county, to be received in its

connection. The application was favorably considered, and he became a member of Synod. He then moved to Salisbury, Rowan county, and after remaining there some time, he received and accepted a call to become the pastor of Luther Chapel and St. Paul's Churches in the same county. In August, 1858, while pastor of this Charge, he was ordained a minister of the gospel at a called meeting of the N. C. Synod, held in Luther's Chapel.—Having remained in this Charge some time, he received and accepted a call to serve Coble's and Lau's churches in Guilford county, and Richland, in Randolph county.

In this Charge he continued to the day of his death. By his modest and unassuming demeanor, he offended no one, and by his humility and piety he gained the esteem of all. In his pulpit efforts he was plain, clear, modest earnest. His constant aim was to improve the piety and morals of those committed to his care, and for this purpose preached and also visited from house to house. By his studious habit he had acquired a respectable knowledge of Latin, Greek and French languages, and was able to read the sacred scriptures in those tongues. His Theological attainments were respectable, and bid fair to render him of increasing usefulness.

Naturally of a feeble constitution, and having been attacked with typhoid fever in a malignant form, he lingered for a few weeks and was released from his sufferings on the morning of the 19th of July, 1864.

As a citizen, he was gentlemanly, as a minister, faithful and earnest, as a husband, attentive and kind.

Peace to his ashes.—“*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.*”

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MEMOIR OF REV. M. M. MILLER.

Martin M. Miller, son of John C. and Sophia Miller, was born September 18th, 1838. His parents gave him such advantages for an education, as could be obtained in the country, when not employed on the farm. When he attained his majority, and became a man for himself, he determined to seek a better education; and for this purpose, entered Western North Carolina Male Academy, then under the supervision of Rev. Prof. William Gerhardt, and remained in that Institution as long as Prof. Gerhardt was at its head.

While at this Academy, he made up his mind to enter the gospel ministry. About the time the Academy was changed into a College, under the name and title of North Carolina College, Brother Miller left and went to Pennsylvania College, located in the town of Gettysburg, Pa. Having remained there

for a short time, he left and went to the Missionary Institute at Selensgrove. Here he prosecuted his studies, preparatory to entering the ministry, at the same time, preaching as occasion required.

After remaining at Selensgrove for several Sessions, the difficulty between the North and South broke out. In the meantime he wrote to his father stating that he would have to send specie to pay his expenses, as paper money from the South, was so depreciated as to be worth very little. This was answered by his father, who said it was very difficult to obtain specie, and equally difficult to forward after obtained; and in view of this, advised his son to return home.

He came expecting to continue his studies in North Carolina College, but found some delay would attend the completion of his studies in that Institution, and as much time and money had already been expended, he resolved to enter the ministry at once.

He preached occasionally, and assisted at protracted meetings with acceptance. Application was made by him, for license to preach the gospel, at a meeting of the North Carolina Synod, held in May, 1861, in the city of Wilmington.

For reasons satisfactory to the mind of a majority of the members of the Ministerium, Synod declined to license him. The Ministerium assigned him a Theological course of study, and appointed a committee to superintend his studies, consisting of Rev's. J. A. Linn, S. Rothrock and L. C. Groseclose.

His expectations were overthrown, and his arrangements contravened by not receiving immediate license from Synod, which had a tendency to dishearten him. About this time open hostilities had broken out between the North and South, and before the annual meeting of the North Carolina Synod in 1862, he had entered the service of his country.

Some time in the summer of 1861, at the solicitations of his friends and former school-mates, who desired him to accompany them to the army and preach for them, he was induced to volunteer in the sixth Regiment of N. C. State Troops, Co. G. In this regiment he performed the duties of soldier and chaplain with credit to himself and honor to his country. While in the service, he was made prisoner twice, and wounded once before receiving the fatal shot which terminated his life.

While at home a paroled prisoner, the last time, he took to himself a wife, who is now a widow, with an infant daughter, born after his death. The N. Carolina Synod being satisfied of brother Miller's qualification to preach and aptness to teach, desired to afford him every assistance that would tend to enhance his usefulness in the army; and for this purpose, at its regular annual meeting, held in the town of Charlotte, in May, 1863, by a vote of its Ministerium, licensed him to preach the Gospel and perform all duties pertaining to the gospel ministry.

As our young brother was now formally licensed, and having a family, desired to be released from the duties of a private soldier, and devote all his time to the gospel ministry, the President, and other members of synod,

used their united influence and exertions to have the Secretary of War, to release and promote him to a chaplaincy ; but every effort failed. He was with Gen. Lee in his campaigns in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, and endured all their hardships without a murmur.

He bore an active part in the great battles around Richmond, and at Sharpsburg, Fredricksburg and at Gettysburg, &c., &c. At Sharpsburg he, was made a prisoner, and at Gettysburg was wounded and made a prisoner again. While engaged near Richmond, in a skirmish, standing at the post of duty, a fatal shot pierced him through, on the 7th of June, 1864.

Thus ended the career of one who knew his duty to his country and to his God, and who dared not disobey. We hope his spirit has gone where tumults and discords are banished, and is "present with the Lord."

His remains were brought home and intered in the grave yard near Bethel Church, Rowan county, N. C.

As a preacher, he was warm and earnest; as a soldier, was faithful and courageous; as a son, dutiful and obedient; as a husband, kind and affectionate; and as a friend, faithful and confiding.



